

Sacramento River Conservation Area Forum
Board of Directors
Minutes

February 19, 2004
2:00 p.m.

Monday Afternoon Club
Willows, Ca.

Chair Don Anderson called the meeting to order at 2:10 p.m. at the above location followed by self-introductions. It was determined there was a quorum of (8) members present.

County	Public Interest	Landowner	Agency
Butte	(Jane Dolan)	Shirley Lewis	
Colusa	Doug White	Ben Carter	
Glenn	Denny Bungarz	Don Anderson	
Shasta	Glenn Hawes	(Dan Gover)	
Sutter	Dan Silva	(Russell Young)	
Tehama	(Bill Borrer)	(Brendon Flynn)	
Yolo	(Lynnel Pollock)	(Marc Faye)	
Resources Agency			Mel Dodgin
Cal DWR		(Dwight Russell)	Stacy Cepello
Cal DFG			Diana Jacobs
State Reclamation Board			(Pete Rabbon)
USF&WS			Darrin Thome
USCOE			(Mark Charlton)
Bureau of Reclamation			(Frank Michny)
Names listed in parentheses represent absences			
Manager Burt Bundy			
Assistant Pat Brown, Recording Secretary			

1. Unscheduled Matters: Ben Carter informed the group that the Colusa Rotary Club was looking at a project that would extend the Sacramento River Park downstream, an effort that would include clearing brush for public access. State Parks and Recreation and the City of Colusa are both involved and Ben asked whether or not the SRCAF had been contacted regarding the project. Burt Bundy noted the Colusa Sub-reach planning effort might tie in with the project by providing technical information. Denny Bungarz reported on a recent meeting between SRCAF representatives and the new Secretary for Resources, Mike Chrisman. Ryan Broddrick, the new Director for the Department of Fish and Game (DFG) and Banky Curtis, DFG, were also present. The Secretary was familiar with, and very encouraging about, the SB1086 Program. Mel Dodgin, Resources Agency representative on the SRCAF Board, is planning to retire so they will be looking for a replacement for Mel. As was noted, replacing Mel will be a difficult task.
2. Agency Reports: Diana Jacobs, DFG, reported on the next CalFed Bay Delta Authority Program solicitation round; proposal solicitations out this summer will focus on monitoring. This spring they will be doing an inventory of CalFed funded projects to determine where the gaps are and use that information as a reference for a broader

solicitation focus in late 2004 or early 2005. Proposition 50 funds are on hold right now with some break- through in the freeze on Proposition 204 monies.

3. Strategic Planning Process: Consultant Marc Smiley was introduced to facilitate public comment and board discussion on the 3-Year Strategic Plan, Annual Plan and Board governance. The Planning Committee met on January 23rd and February 11th to continue work on the goals and strategies. Greg Werner, The Nature Conservancy (TNC), read a letter of support to the Board indicating TNC's strong support for the SRCAF planning efforts. John Merz, Sacramento River Preservation Trust, noted the draft strategic plan document should have been forwarded with the track changes reflected in the document. The changes that have been made will be noted and made available. Marc opened discussion on several questions regarding Board Governance Issues and several key decisions that needed to be made by the Board:

(1) Should there be criteria for the Board selection process and candidates identified?

- Yes, need to define skills, demographics.
- Would like to see the SRCAF suggest a name, or names, as possible Board members; some county Boards may not use the suggestion but it would be a positive gesture.
- Board member needs to support mission/goals of the organization
- There should be criteria for minimum attendance requirements
- Current make-up of the Board is fragmented "by county" rather than being a "River Board" – it was suggested this problem is inherent with a stakeholder Board.
- Current Board is an implementing Board – limited staff/resources to do the work
- Expand Board to be more inclusive/expand committees for more representation – cannot continue to rely on volunteers to do the work if they feel they have no representation

(2) Should the definition of landowner be broadened to include agencies, organizations and/or other landowners? – Because this is addressed in the SRCAF by-laws; discussion was taken off the table.

and (3) Should the number of Board positions be expanded to include several Board-selected at-large members?

- Suggest incremental changes that would not require changing the by-laws or MOA.
- Suggest adding *supporting* signatories to the MOA – give them a voice on committees
- Not sure if there is a diversity issue on the Board
- There was a point of clarification that there had never been an intent for the agency representatives to have a vote.

Marc will come back with suggestions for a procedure in Board selection and structure. Included will be guidelines for the Board to follow when, because of lack of attendance, there is a need for the county to re-appoint a Board member. Marc will also bring back some clarification on the roles of the committees, defining mandates, and formalizing committee memberships. Suellen Rowlison, representing River Partners, presented a

statement to the Board requesting committee governance rules for the SRCAF Strategic Plan and offered some suggestions to that end.

4. Consent Calendar: A motion was made by Dan Silva to adopt the January 15th, 2004 Board minutes, seconded by Glenn Hawes. A typographical error was noted on page 3, item #6. Motion passed by unanimous vote of the Board to adopt the January 15th minutes as corrected.

5. Agency Reports – In Pete Rabbon’s absence, Burt reported the Reclamation Board had received no new applications for permits in the conservation area.

6. Board Committee Reports –

- Landowner Assurances Committee (LAC) – Ben reported on the February 11th meeting. The ad hoc committee continues to work on the Voluntary Alternative Dispute Resolution process. There was some discussion on Permit Streamlining and whether it would be appropriate for the LAC; it was determined the primary focus by the committee needs to be the Good Neighbor Policy. The committee also opened discussion on the conservation area as a self-mitigating area. The next meeting is scheduled for March 10th, 2:00 p.m., at the Colusa County Farm Bureau Office.

The Board members noted the permit streamlining issue is a high priority that needs to be addressed; boat ramp permitting may be a good place to start.

- Boat Ramp Committee – Denny will set a meeting date. He spoke briefly with the DFG representatives at the meeting with the new Resources Secretary.
- Technical Advisory Committee (TAC) – Stacy Cepello reported on the February 3rd meeting. The scientific panel on the M&T/Llano Seco Pumps Study will be holding a 3-day meeting beginning on March 17th. There was a presentation by DFG on the changes to the Streambed Alteration Agreement that were effective on January 1st, 2004. Adam Henderson, DWR, and Stacy opened a discussion on the use of buffers; they are looking for clarification on what information the committee wants to help determine the next steps.

7. Manager’s Report – Burt Bundy reported on the Hamilton City Project. The project continues to move forward; however, the deadline for WRDA funding is March 1st. Jose Puente, Hamilton City Community Services District, expressed concerns about not making the deadline which would push things out to 2006.

Burt also noted there is \$2.6 Mil available for sediment removal at the Fremont Weir; DWR and the Reclamation Board are moving forward to design and permit the project. An aggregate firm has also expressed an interest in removing material from the Sutter By-Pass.

8. Future Meeting Dates – The next meeting is scheduled for March 18th, 3:00 p.m., at the Monday Afternoon Club in Willows.

